

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Mark G. Allen, et al.)
Serial No. CON of 09/316,229) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: December 6, 2001) Art Unit: 3763
For: Microneedle Devices and)
Methods of Manufacture)
and Use Thereof)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/316,229, filed May 21, 1999,
which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/095,221, filed June 10, 1998.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, with the following paragraph:

The government has certain rights in this invention by virtue of Grant Number BES-9624832 awarded by the U.S. National Science Foundation to Mark R. Prausnitz and by virtue of Contract Number DABT63-95-C-0114 awarded by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-48.

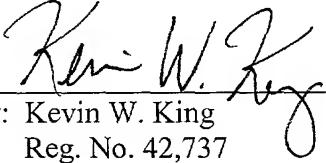
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Remarks

The specification has been amended to include the correct priority information and to correct the statement regarding federally sponsored research in connection with the application.

Claims 2-48 have been canceled without prejudice; applicants do not disclaim the subject matter therein.

Respectfully submitted,


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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

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